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# President's Message
# By John Ostendorf, R-518

Dear fellow sales tax token collectors,

I hope this letter finds you well. Yet another timely newsletter. That has been my number one goal for this organization for years. The newsletter is our backbone. It is out best means for communication and one of the most important benefits of membership. You deserve a timely and interesting newsletter and I believe this issue is both. I believe we have a new editor lined up in Loran Frazier, but I want to make sure we have a smooth transition. As always, I call for any articles. No matter who the editor is, he is going to need material to publish!

As you can see on the next page, it is time again for ATTS elections. I am willing to serve another term as president, but my feelings will not be hurt if someone else wants to run for this position. I have communicated with all the existing board members who have indicated they are willing to run again. If Loran takes on the editor's job, then we will have an opening for one of the at-large positions. The at-large board members serve the membership by communicating with ATTS members and ensuring the membership is represented when the board makes decisions. Please consider running for this or any other position on the board.

One of the most exciting things to report is that we were mentioned in the April 15th edition of the Wall Street Journal. Actually, the front page! It was an article concerning "weirdos" who collect tax related material. Here is the excerpt:

> "Then there are the sometimes misunderstood collectors of sales tax tokens, coin-like pieces issued by some states in the early 20th century to reimburse consumers who overpaid sales taxes. Because most sales tax tokens are virtually worthless, most folks in the coin collecting community think you are some sort of bottom feeder said John Ostendorf, a Waxahachie, Texas lawyer and president of the 85 member American Tax Token Society."

The reporter interviewed me for a total of about an hour and edited my comments down to just that. No mention of sales tax scrip, local issues, etc. Oh well, it's still publicity I suppose.

All my best,
John

# Call for Nominees

The terms for ATTS officers expire at the end of 2015. Up for election are the President, Editor, Treasurer, and two at-large board members. All officers serve for a period of three years (2016-2018). Any ATTS member can nominate someone (or themselves) for a position on the ATTS board.

Please submit any nominations to me at johnoste@aircanopy.net or by mail to John Ostendorf, 523 Hiwasee Rd., Waxahachie, TX 75165.

# Just For Fun

## Monte C. Dean (R-384)

One of the difficulties of collecting Sales Tax Tokens is simply that within a relatively short time almost all collectors reach a plateau where they have found most of the easy pieces available and it becomes more and more time consuming to find anything they don't already have. Not so many years ago our illustrious El Presidente John Ostendorf emailed me to let me know he was thinking of quitting the field simply because in the previous year's time he had only been able to add three or four new examples to his collection.

Unlike many collecting avenues Sales Tax Tokens are not simply a matter of money. If you really need to own an Action Comics #1, or an MS-65 1916-D Mercury Dime, or a Mickey Mantle rookie card - all you need is a big bank account and you can find one relatively easy. On the other hand, if you only have to find an Alabama S-17 Pale Blue Fiber to complete that state's issue, probably for a 'measly' $20-$25 or so, good luck finding one. That's to say nothing of the impossibility of stumbling across many of the Illinois or Washington provisional, let alone the super-rare Ohio Private Issue Punch cards, or the despicably impossible North Carolina and West Virginia private issue pieces.

The majority of our membership is COLLECTORS first, and perhaps researchers second. So not being able to COLLECT new items often leads to a general disenchantment of interest. Fortunately (as our Editor Supreme Bob Frye reports in this issue) we've finally decided on an advertising policy so there might actually be tokens to PURCHASE in each issue of your Newsletter (we'll be expecting to see something from you soon Tom Holifield). That should make a big difference in helping many members find a few goodies and bring the spice of acquisition back into the realm of possibility.

We are also very fortunate to have many members who decide to explore certain niches within our genre, and report here on many of their finds and research. James Bird and all things Ohio. Michael R. Florer with the related fields of world revenues and ration tokens. Ralph Harnishfeger and his every issue "Sales Tax Tokens On-Line" letting us know what prices are being achieved in cyber space. All of these folks, and many I have not mentioned, have decided that instead of becoming 'bored' because they can't find a new token every other day, they will explore what is NOT known about our field, and thus contribute immensely to the knowledge we have and our enjoyment of what we might already own.

But those few who do HAVE THE TIME to do that kind of work are not in the majority. Most of you simply want to have a nice collection in a very reasonably priced field that is well founded in significant historical value. Plus, we are one of the very few areas of collecting where YOU - yes YOU - could be the one to discover that new and completely unknown token or variety. As our New Finds and Related Memorabilia articles reflect, there are new finds being made constantly. For me, at least, that possibility of rediscovering 'lost treasure' is what's kept me interested in this wonderful hobby for over two decades.

This article, however, is designed to offer you a few other avenues of interest that are still in direct association to our main hobby, but certainly cannot be classified as any kind of 'token'. I have to give credit to Jim Calvert for much of my own interest in exploring these 'slightly off the path' items. He really does find some weird (but way cool) collectors items that correlate to STT's, but are not. I would also like to thank Leo Schiltz for often alerting me to strange items found in unlikely places.

If you can't find that particular token you are looking for, or have not checked many items off your want list in the last year, or look at your collection and simply want to give up on trying to find more because you don't know where to look for the darned things, you might wish to consider some of the items I've listed in this article as very neat associative pieces, or Related Memorabilia, that can usually be found for very reasonable prices (or sometimes down right cheap) when you can find them, and they are often unique, or nearly so.

I have not included RM (Related Memorabilia) Numbers on these pieces in this article because most of these items could not be put on a want list and found with any ease. Additionally, some of these items fall well outside our major points of interest.

The purpose of this article is to offer you, the collector, some alternatives to 2X2's in a 3-ring binder so that you can have the opportunity to have some FUN within our field and expand your collection to include some highly interesting collectibles that are usually quite inexpensive. If you get a few ideas

from what is listed, even if you have no interest in the particular items displayed, then I'll have done my job.

After all, a hobby is supposed to be FUN!!!

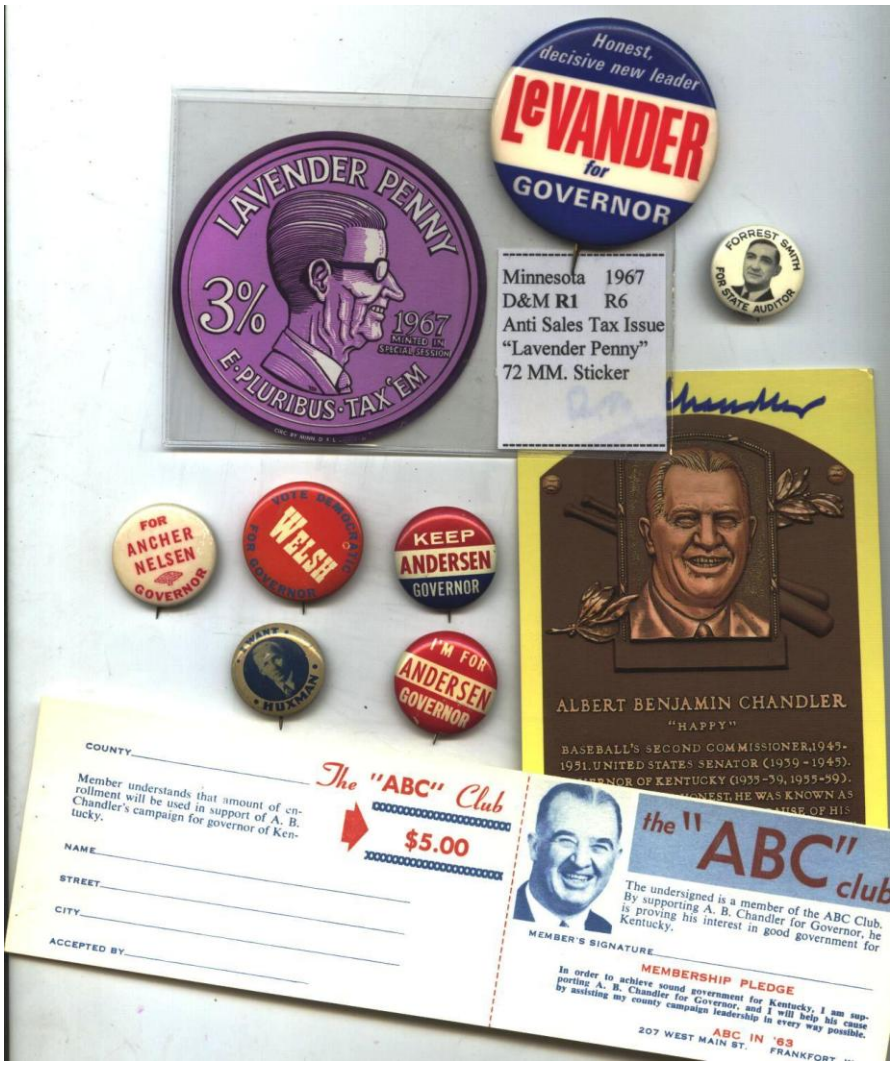
## Political Connections

As Sales Tax laws and regulations all fall under the guidelines of some 'official' government agency it is no surprise that where there are laws, there are politicians. As in years gone by taxes of any variety means more money for those politicians to spend, so in many cases they were quite vocal about their desire for those taxes, or their oppositions to them. Many a political campaign has been won or lost depending on how well those gentlepeople were able to portray which side of the tax fight they were on.

Where there are politicians, there is also 'advertising' for them. With sales tax the vast majority of collectible memorabilia available falls into the anti-sales tax category, with very few pro-sales tax items known.

A very inexpensive way to spice up your collection is by finding some of those 'advertising' pieces that relate to the politicians that we know from history were instrumental in the laws that produced the tokens we love to collect. The most common of those, of course, are political buttons, although flyer's, pamphlets, signs, newsletters - and the myriad other ways politicians have found to spend our money - might also prove of interest.

In some rare cases not only were the politicians politicians, but they MIGHT have actually done something else with their lives. An example would be Albert "Happy" Chandler, who was not only governor of Kentucky whose administration gave us the Kentucky Paper Sales Tax issues, but who was later the second commissioner of baseball from 1945 to 1951. If it involves baseball, you know there are a million and one collectibles available that relate to that gentleman.


Honest, decisive new leader
LeVANDER for GOVERNOR
LAVENDER PENNY
3%
1967
E·PLURIBUS·TAX'EM
Minnesota 1967
D&M R1 R6
Anti Sales Tax Issue
"Lavender Penny"
72 MM. Sticker
FORREST SMITH FOR STATE AUDITOR
FOR ANCHER NELSEN GOVERNOR
WELSH
KEEP ANDERSEN GOVERNOR
I'M FOR ANDERSEN GOVERNOR
ALBERT BENJAMIN CHANDLER
"HAPPY"
BASEBALL'S SECOND COMMISSIONER, 1945-1951. UNITED STATES SENATOR (1939-1945).
The "ABC" Club
$5.00
COUNTY
Member understands that amount of enrollment will be used in support of A. B. Chandler's campaign for governor of Kentucky.
NAME
STREET
CITY
ACCEPTED BY
the "ABC" club
The undersigned is a member of the ABC Club. By supporting A. B. Chandler for Governor, he is proving his interest in good government for Kentucky.
MEMBER'S SIGNATURE
MEMBERSHIP PLEDGE
In order to achieve sound government for Kentucky, I am supporting A. B. Chandler for Governor, and I will help his cause by assisting my county campaign leadership in every way possible.
ABC IN '63
207 WEST MAIN ST.
FRANKFORT

Having a few of these related items in your collection will do much to bring a sense of history to your displays.

# Good Ol' Tenino

Although there is still some debate in our hobby as to the inclusion of Tenino's wooden squares into the realm of true STT's, the fact remains that they have been an important part of our collecting history from the start. Regardless of if they were more of an 'advertising gimmick' as some profess, or an important part of this small towns attempt to handle the fractional sales tax, they remain much sought after collectibles. Not only do we as STT collectors want them, but so do depression scrip and wooden nickel collectors as well. This is one of the few areas within our specialty where 'outside forces' seek to snag away our prized tokens.

Although 'common' issues might be had in the $12-$20 range, the more desirable issues come up so terribly infrequently that it is not impossible for them to jump over the $100 mark, with prices in the $35-60 range being quite often achieved. But here again, money is not the only issue. Even if you had all the money you could possibly ever want it is highly unlikely that one person could ever find all the issues produced.

As many of you already know, there are GAZILLIONS of other wooden money pieces from Tenino. Many of those later issues (1976-1979) are listed in the M&D strictly because they have those magic words "sales tax" on them, even though they were obviously never used for that purpose. But that is just the tip of the iceberg.

Not only are there the 'original' wooden quarters, halves, dollars, and so on from the early 30's available, but dozens of wooden nickels produced by the same private businesses that produced STT's, as well as myriad issues of a strictly commemorative nature. Popping a few of those into your collection will certainly add to the appeal of your display.

**If you have information to contribute on any subject discussed herein, or any other facts or examples that fall within the realm of our collecting interests, please do not hesitate to write me at: Moxking@aol.com**

# Postcards Can Link You to History

Most of us are well aware of the Nevada "No Sales Tax" post cards, as well as issues from other states. Those certainly qualify as related memorabilia, but there are much broader avenues to explore within this genre.

— VIEW OF —
BUCKHORN EXCHANGE RESTAURANT
One of Denver's most interesting and popular places
REAL BEER FINEST WINES
COLD AND HOT LUNCHES AT ANY TIME
We make a specialty of Steak Dinners.
H. H. ZIETZ, PROPRIETOR EST. 1893 1000 OSAGE ST. KE 9040 DENVER, COL
THE Berghoff RESTAURANT
OPERATED BY THE BERGHOFF FAMILY FOR MORE THAN 70 YEARS
AT THE COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION
17 WEST ADAMS STREET
THE Berghoff RESTAURANT
OPERATED BY THE BERGHOFF FAMILY FOR MORE THAN 70 YEARS



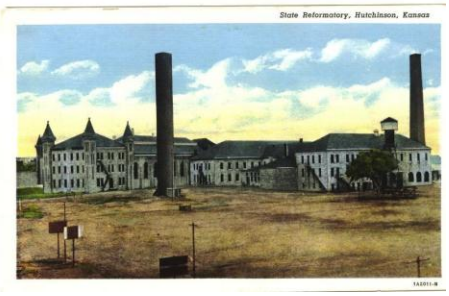
Here pictured are just a few that I've added to my own collection to help spice it up. There are dozens, if not hundreds, of other possibilities just waiting to be found that would make any sales tax token collection much more interesting.

First is a postcard from the Buckhorn Exchange which I found particularly nice to find simply because it is an interior view of the place where my discovery piece, CO NF-2, would have been used.

The next four illustrate places in Chicago during the period of time when STT private issues were used in the places that used them. The first two for Berghoff Restaurant (M&D IL L23), next an interior view of a Pixley and Ehlers Restaurant (M&D IL L28 and L29, plus a new find to be announced next issue), and finally the 1933 Worlds Fair view of Thompsons Restaurant on the "Avenue of the Flags" (M&D IL L32-L35).

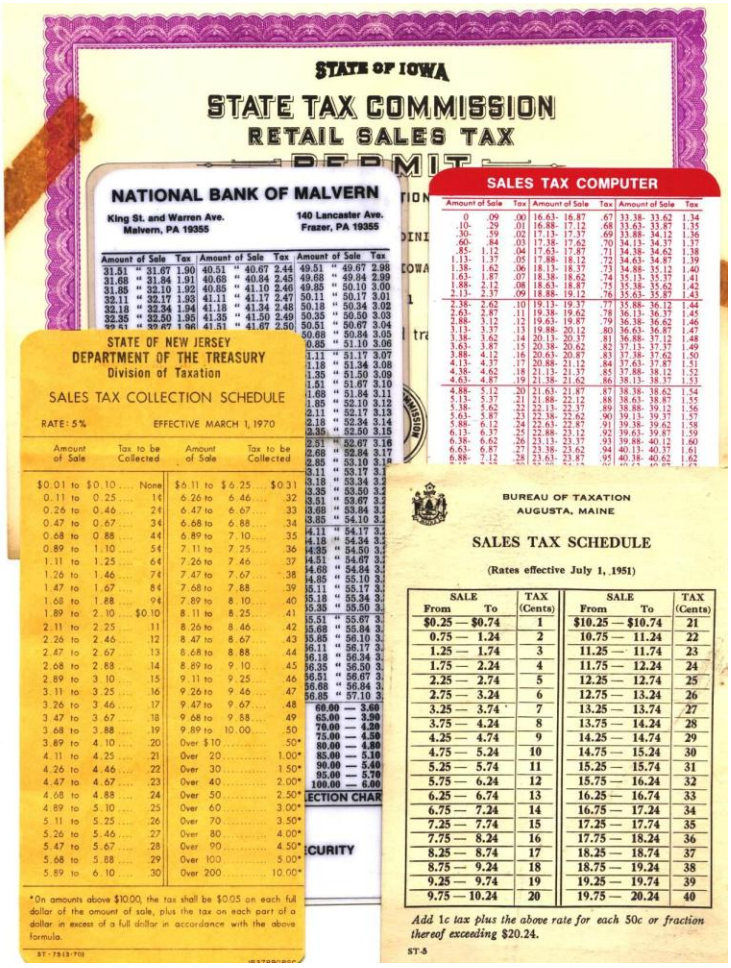
Then a street scene from Tenino Washington during the 1930's when the wooden STT's would have been used there. It is especially interesting to see several of the actual businesses which used STT's during that time featured, including Heddin's (REXALL) Drugs in the right forefront of the picture.

Last is a postcard of the State Reformatory in Hutchinson, Kansas, which is where sales tax tokens for that state were actually made.




As you can see, the possibilities are nearly endless. The places that used the tokens, the towns where they were used during the time they were used, and even the places that made them are but a few of the potential finds of interest that would certainly make any token collection connect much more strongly with their history.

# What's the Percentage in It?




WHAT??? You don't have an STT from MAINE???

Just like our beloved STT's, percentage rate cards can be found for both states issues, and private issues. If you want something in your binder representing states that have no known sales tax tokens or not even so much as a single piece of related memorabilia, yet you desire to have as many states as you can represented in your collection, than these percentage rate cards can fill the bill nicely.

After all, they most certainly do directly relate to Sales Tax, they are often a visible history of the rates that applied only during a specific period of time, thus helping to date them, and they add the opportunity of discovering nifty pieces for your collection at a very minimal expense.

I've bought many dozens over the years and I don't think I've ever paid more than $3 or $4 for one. The bad part of me telling you is that now you, too, might find these vintage pieces of paper, cardboard, and laminates that enhance your collection for a minimal expenditure somewhat intriguing and you may actually watch out for them in the future. The good part is that when you take the chance to expand your collection in interesting ways, you become much more a part of the process of it's development. No longer are you just scratching X's off your want list. You are actually DISCOVERING the enjoyment of creating a collection of that type. Additionally, the good news for all of us is that in so doing you become much, much more likely to do what I'm attempting to do right now - perform a little research and present it to our membership.

Believe me, it's fun. Try it.

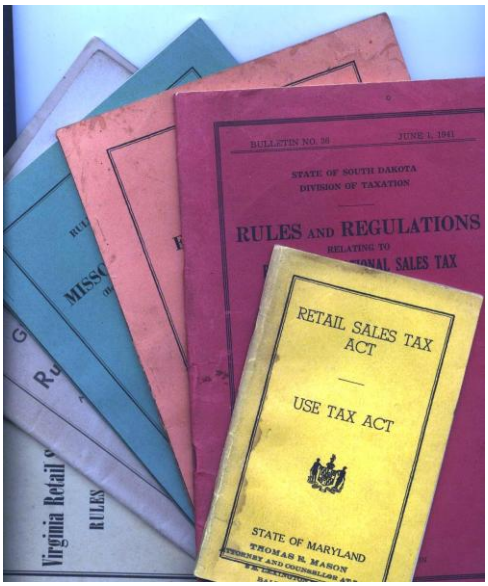
# The STATE has RULES!!!

Right along side the rate cards listed above, yet even more 'official', are the many hundreds and hundreds of likely possibilities you might have in discovering new examples of the many different States RULES AND REGULATIONS governing the specific sales tax laws and all they imply. They help to shed a tremendous understanding about the process that went into these taxes being developed, implemented and their purposes. Thus, if you REALLY want to know about the sales tax laws and how they affected token changes and development - there is simply no better source. I've only been able to document some 60 examples thus far, but new ones keep turning up very, very often. For whatever reason a goodly number of these dry and sleep-inducing volumes have survived, and finding the very first known example of a particular type is usually only a matter of a few months search.

Here again you have the opportunity to add to the appeal and history of your collection with vintage volumes produced by the states that often go into the details about the tokens you have right there

besides them in your collection, and guess what - yet again - you have the opportunity to discover something new that we didn't know before.

Below is a small stack to illustrate their abundance.




## …and if you don't follow the RULES…

Here again Jim Calvert was the man who spurred me into looking at this area of collecting. He had alerted me to the sale of one on eBay, and since he was the man who found it, it was only fair for him to be the one to bid on it, and he did win it. He also managed to find the second example, the Missouri, shortly thereafter.

After crying, whining, groveling, and otherwise debasing myself for a reasonably short period of time, Jim did trade me the Missouri.

These things are cool folks. I particularly like the Illinois simply because we KNOW that badge would have been used during the period that tokens were in circulation, and possibly even during that extremely short period of time when an abundance of private issues were produced.

Unlike the other items listed in this article, however, these things are NOT cheap. Even if you think it's buried in some strange eBay category corner, there are lots and lots and lots of badge collectors, and they apparently have an abundance of ready cash. These two examples were both in the $80 - $120 range, so there is some competition for them.

**If you get the chance to get one, you might decide to do so. It makes a heck of an opening item in a collection for a given state, particularly those badges that were in use during the same period that sales tax tokens were also in use.**

## The White Spot in the Road

Although I've shown a few pieces in my own collection, tokens listed in the M&D included, the real challenge for Nebraska is the myriad other pieces that mention "The White Spot", that are not tokens, but simply pieces of history that relate to that time. After all, the whole push of the program was to tell you that they were the state that didn't have all those damned taxes - sales taxes included.

The possibilities for finding new pieces that relate to this time period and that directly relate to each token listed in the M&D, is immense. If you are driving through Nebraska, or better yet - LIVE there - I'd make a point to stop in at a few old fashioned mom & pop antique stores where the junk is piled 7 feet high. Likely, you might just find a treasure.

## We Know Our History Because They Discovered It

As a Society we were extremely fortunate in having some truly pioneering collectors and researchers among our numbers. Many of them have passed on to a better place now, but all of them are remembered fondly for their contributions to our hobby and the amazing quantity of information that they 'discovered' and helped us to understand.

Some of them, such as Emil Di Bella, George McGee, David Stolaroff, and many others, were present when the sales tax tokens were actually in use.

The list of seriously special people who have and still remain members of our fraternity have and do include such names as Ernie Alvater, Jerry Bates, Carl Cochrane, Tim Davenport, Tom Holifield, Ron Hubbard, Richard Johnson, Merlin K. Malehorn, Tom McMann, Michael Pfefferkorn, Jerry Shimmel- and those are but a few I can put name to as I sit here.

Fortunately for us they produced many of their own special tokens and also helped promote the ATTS to do the same. In recent years we've even seen our own president issuing truly UNIQUE pieces as rewards for well written articles that appear in this newsletter, so even today, there are new tokens coming into existence that did not exist but a few short years ago.

I would also mention at this point that one of the articles your board recently passed is that as board members (I being fortunate enough to be counted in that number), we cannot receive any of the awards given by the ATTS. We want no conflict of interest. So if you see articles by me, or Bob, or Jim, or John, or Lawrence - they don't count - they are just here for your enjoyment. If YOU want to take a little time to submit an article then maybe in the early part of next year YOU will have a unique piece in YOUR hands and be the only one who will ever have THAT particular token. To earn it, all you have to do is send in a decent article. Give it a shot.

Back to the subject…

There are all kinds of things that relate to the history of the ATTS and the folks who developed the knowledge we have that is not listed in the M&D. I've taken a photo of just a few such items that I have in my own collection. Perhaps it will inspire you to produce your own token to be given away only to members of our Society, or at the very least, give your collecting interests yet one more possible avenue of satisfaction.

I was talking with Bob Frye very recently (a several hour conversation) and one of the things he mentioned was his pride in some of the unique pieces he has in his albums that originated from the late George McGee's collection. He knew the man personally, and those items form a link with him and that gentleman and fond memories besides.

## The Bottom Line

It doesn't matter how you collect, as long as what you are doing during that time you are involved with your collection is one that gives relaxation, happiness, and perhaps even a bit of knowledge along the road. If you ONLY want to collect state issued sales tax tokens and that is what makes you happy, then you are doing exactly what you should be doing. If you lust for the many rare and unique pieces that might someday be found for your own hoard, and practically have orgasms of ecstasy when you finally nail down a rare piece, then you are doing exactly what you should be doing. On the other hand, there is that possibility that these little before explored areas that relate to sales tax token collecting might strengthen your interest and give you some pleasure as well.

I've run out of room so I can't go into errors, elongates, or other wooden nickels, or similar ration material, or "Tie" Pieces that relate directly to an individual token, or collecting photographs of actual STT implementation and use, or original newspaper articles relating to our field, or much else besides.

But I do hope by giving you but a few example of what I've found interesting that relates to STT's but are not STT's you might have some revelation as to new interests that would enthuse your collecting spirit.

**Or, at the very, very least, allow you to have some fun!!!**

**Got Questions?** **Regardless of if you are trying to find out how to tell if you have a new fiber color for an existing token, how to figure out which variety one of your tokens might be, when a new catalogue might be forthcoming, or any subject at all, please do not hesitate to write anyone listed on the back of this issue who are board members. We are here to serve!**

# Sales Tax Tokens Online  February to May 2015
## Ralph L. Harnishfeger

Tenino WA, six different commemorative 1976/77 wooden tax tokens closed on April 19th for $51.00 with 5 bids.

WASH. WOOD
TENINO 1976
HEDDEN'S PHARMACY
WASH. WOOD
TENINO 1976
TENINO INDEP. (NEWSPAPER)
WASH. WOOD
TENINO
ROGERS UPHOLSTERY
1977
First Annual Wooden Money Show of the Tenino Wooden Money Society Aug. 15, 1976
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WASH. WOOD
TENINO 1976
LIBERTY MARKET
WASH. WOOD
TENINO 1976
BANK OF TENINO
WASH.
UNIV. CC./TENINO INDEPENDENT
1977
First Annual Wooden Money Show of the Tenino Wooden Money Society Aug. 15, 1976
First Annual Wooden Money Show of the Tenino Wooden Money Society Aug. 15, 1976
THE UNIVERSITY COIN CLUB SHOW & EXHIBITION
MARCH 5 & 6, 1977
THE SHERWOOD INN
Seattle, Washington

{Editors note: I'm still kicking myself for missing outon this one!}

Three copies of our bible, Malehorn and Davenport closed at $49.95 and $50.00 in Feb, April and early May.

Mixed grouping of 140 sales tax tokens closed on April 12th for $40.00 using buy it now option.

Partial roll of LA 1 and 5 mill tokens, looked Unc. closed on March 5th at $34.89 with 11 bids.

MS 1 and 5 mill tokens, again Unc. And perhaps 50 of each closed on March 5th at $34.09 with 3 bids.

NM 1 and 5 mill tokens, again Unc and perhaps 50 of each, closed on March 5th at $33.89 with 14 bids.

AZ 1 mill tokens, roll sold on March 1 in range of $30.00 with the best offer accepted. This lot was listed originally at $39.99.

Over 115 tax tokens, all carded in 2x2's closed on April 8th at $28.99 with 9 bids.

685 OK paper tax tokens closed on March 1st. at $27.95 with a single bid.
65 tax tokens, all carded, closed on March 2nd. At $27.48 with 11 bids.

82 carded tax tokens, mixed states, closed on April 29th for $26.25 using the buy it now option.

Sales tax token charm bracelet sold on March 12th for $25.00 using buy it now option.

600 MO tax tokens, a few paper, most red and green plastic closed on April 21st at $24.75 with 14 bids.

95 tokens from 11 states closed on April 30th at $23.25 with 10 bids.

3 pounds of tax tokens, looked like thousands, closed on March 8th for $23.00 with 9 bids. Probably to be sold at a flea market or antique mall in small batches based on my recent travels.

AL, 1 and 5 mill tokens with wrappers, looked Unc. and about 50 of each sold on March 5th for $21.50 with 3 bids.
MO plastic sales tax tokens, several hundred of reds and greens closed at $21.25 on March 6th with 6 bids.

130 tax tokens, good mixture closed at $20.00 on March 28th using the buy it now option.

123 tax tokens from 9 states closed at $20.00 with just 1 bid on both May 3 and May 6.

AZ 1 and 5 mill copper tax tokens, looked like about 50 total, sold on March 5th for $19.99 with 1 bid.

OK 1 and 5 mills, several rolls, sold for $19.99 on March 5th with 2 bids.

UT, same details as above lot.

Malehorn and Davenport catalog sold on March 8th for $19.99 with just 1 bid.

What was called a “huge lot” of plastic tax tokens, did look like several hundred at least , closed on March 16th for $19.99 using buy it now option.

250 MO red and green plastics sold for $19.95 on February 20th with 1 bid.

230+ tax tokens from various states closed on March 28th for $19.00 with 5 bids.

190+ tax tokens plus a few red and blue point ration tokens closed on April 28th for $17.00 with 20 bids.

300+ tax tokens, many OK duplicates closed on April 15th at $16.06 with 7 bids.

Another charm bracelet, this one with many different tax tokens, closed on April 22nd for $16.00 using the buy it now option.

6 square 1.5 mill tax tokens, Illinois closed on February 23 for $15.00 or a bit more using the buy it now option. A similar lot with 2 square and 2 round state issues closed on same date for same amount.

2 nearly identical lots of 100 MO green or red plastic tax tokens closed at $13.00 with best offer accepted on March 26th.

15 Effingham IL provisional ¼ cent tax tokens closed on April 30th at $13 with 2 bids.

6 different IL provisionals, Hoopeston R4 among them closed at $13.00 on May 15th with 2 bids.

About a dozen KS tax tokens and a metal holder sold for $12.99 on April 18th using the buy it now option.

70 tax tokens, appeared to be a nice mix, closed at $12.98 using buy it now on March 1st.

12 CO aluminum tax tokens sold at $12.49 using the buy it now option on April 20th.

15 CO tax tokens, 3 varieties with 5 of each, sold for $12.48 on May 18th with 7 bids.

2 lots, 5 AZ copper and 100 MO plastics, each sold at $12.00 using best offer on March 4th and April 4th respectively.

A large number of tax token lots sold for $9.99 this past quarter, most were mixtures of a few dozen to 50 tokens. A large number of similar lots but often with fewer common tokens remained unsold at this price.

Arcola, IL provisional, group of 10 closed on February 22nd at $9.50 with 2 bids.

1 pound of various tokens, most appeared to be tax tokens sold for $5.52 on March 22nd. with free shipping and 7 bids.

183 carded tax tokens from many states, many duplicates closed on April 15th at $5.51 with 4 bids.

More than a dozen lots of common tax tokens sold for $4.99 this quarter, most had a handful to 50 tokens in them. Several dozen similar lots went unsold.

60 tax tokens, most from NM closed at $4.81 on April 5th with 2 bids.

65 MO tax tokens, a mix closed on March 8th at $4.24 with 2 bids.

53 MO tax tokens sold on March 16th at $3.99 using buy it now option.

12 different sales tax tokens sold on February 22nd at $3.49 with 1 bid.

25 AL, MS and LA tax tokens sold on March 23rd at $3.25 with 3 bids.

24 and 32 MO plastics closed on March 3 and 5th respectively at $3.01 with 2 and 3 bids.

12 IL state issues, one round, 11 square closed on April 1st. at $2.50 with 6 bids.

20 IL state issued square tax tokens closed on May 18th at $1.99 with 1 bid.

Many dozens of lots of tax tokens and some mixed lots closed this quarter at 99 cents. An equally large or even larger number at this price went unsold.

Two WA tax tokens completed this quarters search listing with a sales price of .06, yes, just 6 cents, with just 2 bids closing on April 18th.

{Editors note: two additional eBay lots to add to Ralph's fine report:}

Tenino, Penny's Garage. Like L85, but purple print. Bent corner sold in mid-April for $102.50.

Seattle, Washington, Brehm's Stores, L27 sold for $103.50. A tougher STT scrip for sure, but still a very strong price!

**ORGANIZATIONAL REPORT** May 18, 2015

**New Member**: Gerald Swett

**Reinstatements**: Ronald Coupland Sr., James Ball, Jay Harris, James Bird, Paul Webb ,Edwin Morrow, David Gladfelter, George Conder and Larry Warner

**Drops**: None

**Membership** 5/18/2015 81 paid plus 6 donated

**FINANCIAL REPORT;** May 18, 2015

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| Balance 03/01/2015 | $3153.75 | Expenses | $224.56 | Income | $137.40 |
| Balance 04/01/2015 | $3066.59 | Expenses | $0.00 | Income | $0.00 |
| Balance 05/01/2015 | $3066.59 | Expenses | $255.75 | Income | $0.00 |
| Balance 05/18/2015 | $2810.84 | | | | |

**DONATIONS:** George Conder

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# Trading Post:

Trade my unc. Franklin Spears for a Bill Bringham or Dean Johnson for a Charlotte Keats. Larry Warner office@larrywarner.com

Casino Chips wanted. Check your top drawer, jewelry box, etc. Buying one chip or whole collections. *Contact Peter Volburg, P.O. Box 3037, Farmingdale NY 11735 or QUALPETE@aol.com

Looking for a nice example of an Oklahoma S-7. *Contact Jim Calvert at 1984 Lyn Rd., Arroyo Grande CA 93420 or jnlcalvert@gmail.com

Looking for OK S-6, Ok S-7, Illinois L-3 Astoria, L- 19 Casey, L-36 Depue, L-56 Livingston and L-104 Witt Co. *Contact Kevin Barnett, 17404 Hilltop Ridge Drive, Eureka MO or eldeaco@yahoo.com

Tougher IL provisionals and virtually any STT scrip wanted. Also buying entire STT collections. Please contact John Ostendorf, 523 Hiwasee Rd, Waxahachie, TX 75165 or johnoste@aircanopy.net.

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